

Fear or Faith Part 3
Following Instructions

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

God has every answer you will ever need to fulfill His plan for your life.

Ephesians 2:8 (NKJV)—For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God

- Grace makes it **available**. Faith gives us **access**.

We’ve all been given the “tool of faith.”

Romans 12:3 (KJV)—“God has dealt to every man THE measure of faith.”

- Every step that you need to fulfill God’s plan for your life is available, and you have the faith to access it, but just like a tool sitting on a shelf, faith that doesn’t move is useless.

James 2:17 (NKJV)—*Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works (action), is dead.*

What we know or have heard from God doesn’t profit us until we put it in **motion**.

- We put our faith into motion when we **ACT** like the Word of God is TRUE.

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the **substance** of things hoped for, the **evidence** of things not seen.

- Believing is **doing**—it’s an action.

What are you acting like? I can tell what you believe by how you act.

- Having “faith in God” is **ACTING** like the Word of God is TRUE.

What has God said, and what are you **doing** about it?

“What are you building” with your faith?—Where did you get the plans for your life?

- Are you just hammering a board full of nails with no purpose behind your actions?

When we build without plans, we are leaving our lives to chance.

- God has a plan and a purpose for you—**chance** and **luck** are not part of God’s strategy.

Faith is the tool that God gave us, so we can build our lives with purpose.

- God gave us faith to use as a tool to accomplish His plan for our life and for His kingdom.
- **“Steps of faith” are the **purposeful** actions that lead to the completion of the plans.**

Hebrews 11:2 (NKJV)—“By faith the elders obtained a good testimony.”

We find the blueprints, the plans, the instructions, the steps we need to take in the Word of God.

- We use our faith like a tool to **add** them to what we are building, to make repairs, to make the necessary changes to build what God’s Word says we can build.